

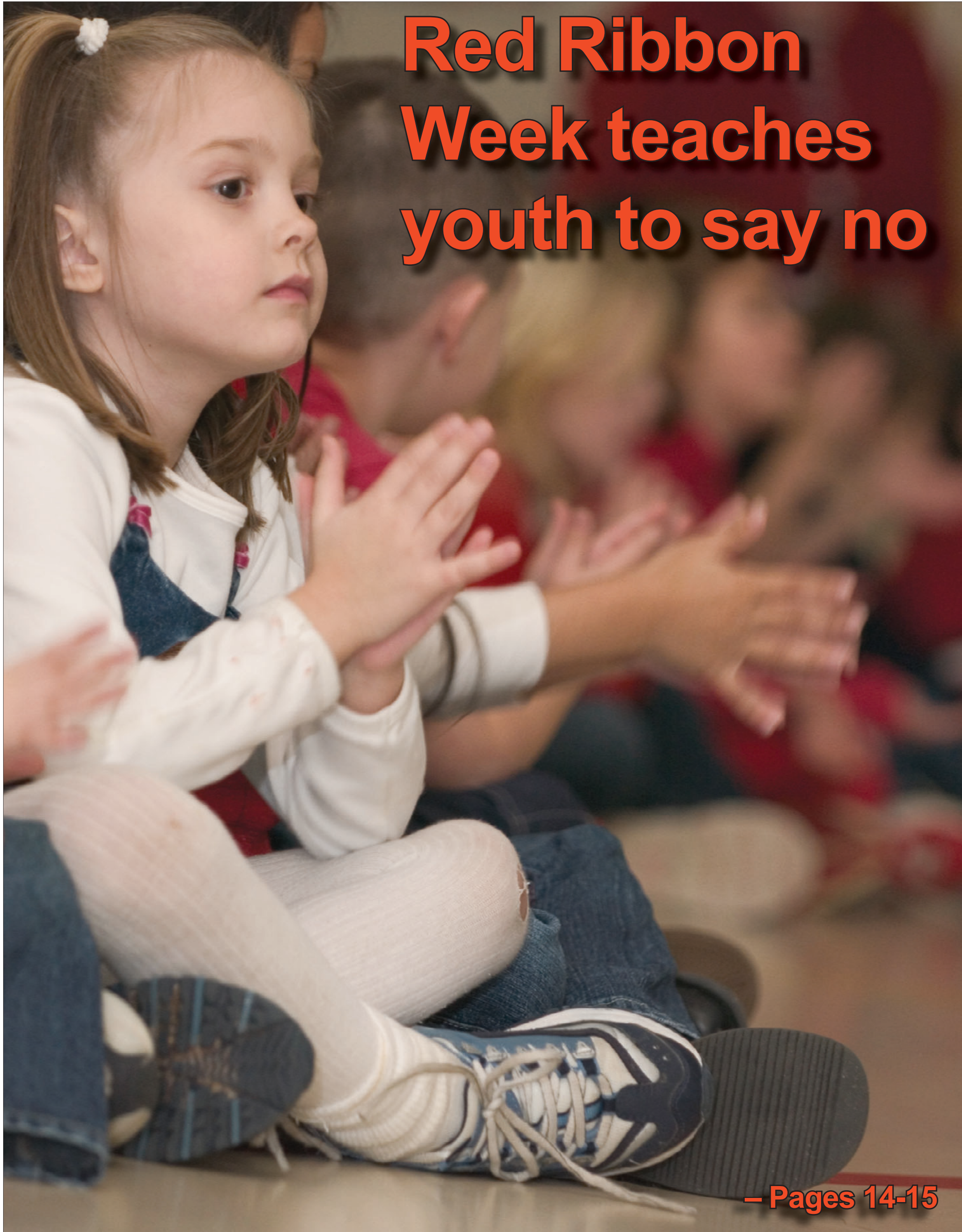
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Wynne confirmed

Michael Wynne was confirmed Oct. 28 as the next secretary of the Air Force. He is currently serving as the deputy undersecretary of defense for acquisition, technology and logistics.



Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle
3rd Wing commander

Do you have a problem you can't seem to get solved? Would you like to recognize someone for a job well done? The commander's action line is your avenue to communicate your questions, comments and concerns directly to the commander, Brig. Gen. Hawk Carlisle. Your calls will get the commander's personal attention and be answered in a timely manner.

If you have a question, call or e-mail the action line at:

552-2224
actionline@elmendorf.af.mil

Navigator application deadline extended

The deadline for all officers interested in applying for navigator training has been extended to Jan. 10.

Officials moved the Air Force Undergraduate Flying Training Selection Board date to Jan. 24-27. The board selects officers for pilot, navigator and air battle manager training, and was moved because of an increased opportunity for navigator training applicants.

With the Air Force's first Force Shaping Board scheduled for April, the flying training board will provide an increased opportunity to retain some of those affected officers in the 2002 and 2003 year groups.

"Navigator training offers all officers a career broadening opportunity," said Lt. Col. Michael Jones, deputy chief of the operations assignments division at the Air Force Personnel Center. "However, there is an additional opportunity for those officers in the 2002 and 2003 year groups who will be selected to fill existing manpower shortfalls in the navigator career field specific to their year groups."

Applicants must meet all requirements listed in Air Force Instruction 36-2205 "Applying for Flying Training, Air Battle Manager and Astronaut Programs." Applicants must not exceed their 30th birthday or five years beyond their Total Federal Commissioned Service Date by May 2006, the start date of the board's first available undergraduate flying training class.

The suspense date for pilot and air battle manager applicants is unchanged. Those packages must be received at AFPC no later than Nov. 23.

For information on flying training selection process, contact the special flying programs section at DSN 665-2330 or commercial at (210) 565-2330.

(Courtesy of AFPC News Service)



Armament Flight Swing Shift C, E Cast and Support Section

members distinguished themselves during 18-month inspections on 72 ADU-552 launcher adapters complying with Intermediate Safety Time Compliance Technical Order 503. They performed all inspections in one shift enabling the aircraft maintenance units to receive the adapters ahead of schedule, creating no impact to the 3rd Wing's flying operations. Their efforts increased equipment reliability by 30 percent and prevented potential safety mishaps on all 3rd Wing F-15C/D/E fighter aircraft armament delivery systems.

Senior Airman David Stoner, 19th Fighter Squadron, updated and distributed 200 Air Force Instruction-required critical flight publications to ensure the safety of 44 pilots. He also identified and corrected office checklist procedures in an annual self inspection, improving office efficiency by 50 percent. Finally, he completed 40 required communication security documents allowing 100 percent pilot accessibility, contributing to a successful program. His efforts were lauded as "one of the best programs on base" by 3rd Wing staff assistance inspectors.

Staff Sgt. Charles Hall, 90th Fighter Squadron, single-handedly planned and executed the Headquarters Pacific Air Forces Staff Assistance Visit despite the absence of the office chief and one other NCO. Sergeant Hall's professional skill, knowledge, and leadership aided immeasurably to identify life support problem areas while developing and implementing processes to solve them. His efforts to improve quality and reduce workload during minimum manning were praised by the inspectors.

The following commanders stand ready to help you and can answer the majority of your questions. If they can't help, then please call the Action Line.

Key phone numbers:

Col. Mike Hass, 3rd CES/CC
552-3007
Lt. Col. Mark Allen, 3rd SVS/CC
552-2468
Maj. Mitch Bird, 3rd SFS/CC
552-4304

weighed many alternatives. The temporary closure of the Government Hill gate was the most beneficial to the 3rd Wing mission.

I acknowledge your concerns and am confident opening the Bluff Road Gate provides the best solution for all parties concerned. I look forward to continued mutually rewarding community relationships.

– **Col. Scotty Lewis**
3rd Wing, vice commander

Gate Hours Effective Monday

Bluff Road:
Daily, 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m.
Muldoon:
Weekdays, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.
Sat-Sun, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Holidays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
Boniface: 24 Hours, daily
Post Road:
Daily, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.

We have received many action line inquiries concerning our temporary closing of the Government Hill gate. We reviewed each one of your inputs and have found many common concerns.

Rather than address each individual input, I have compiled all your inputs and will address the major concerns.

First, here is an update on the current situation, since many of your action lines came in prior to the announcement of the opening of the temporary Bluff Road Gate. The U.S. Army Alaska agreed to provide soldiers to man the Muldoon Gate, allowing Elmendorf to move some of its manning to Bluff Road Gate. Coverage of this gate will be 6 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. starting Monday.

Also, I would like to clarify and expand on some of the information you may have received from the media, letters I provided to business owners, or 'word-of-mouth.'

I must reiterate that our home station manpower across the entire 3rd Wing is hurting and our security

forces are feeling the crunch more than most. We have worked hard to help them out; where a trained military security forces member is not absolutely required, we have either provided civilian contract help or pulled other military people from their regular jobs to fill in. (The latter scenario has caused pain for all our organizations in that jet engine mechanics, healthcare workers, etc. ... must be pulled, full-time, from organizations that are already heavily stressed.)

Our current manpower situation is forcing me to reduce many nonmission related services, one being the closure of at least one gate. Since Government Hill gate is a 24-hour operation, we'll save the most manpower and also money through efficiencies for our \$35 million housing construction project which translates to saved American tax dollars. Additionally, Post Road gate is our only gate that can accommodate large commercial vehicles.

All these factors combined to lead us to this decision. We, in fact,

3rd Wing Moment in History Nov. 5, 1934:

Lt. Col. Horace Hickam, 3rd Attack Group commander, died during a night landing at Ft. Crockett, Texas. Lt. Col. Earl Naiden assumed command in his place. Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii was activated September 1938 in his honor.



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DoD historian makes history

By Senior Airman Cassandra Locke
379th Air Expeditionary Wing Public Affairs

After the master sergeant's retirement Dec. 31, 2004, he was tasked on Air Expeditionary Force 7/8 to support operations overseas.

James Frank is the first DoD civilian historian to deploy as part of the AEF system. The GS-11 is serving a 120-day tour from Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, and is working for the Combined Air Operations Center in Southwest Asia.

"Being the first civilian historian to deploy is creating a learning curve for our transitioning career field," said Mr. Frank.

Enlisted historians had been authorized at combat wings and selected combat groups within the Air Force since 1969. The decision to do a three-year phase out of enlisted historians and convert those positions to civilian positions began in 2005 and is scheduled to be completed in 2007. Military historians will cross train into other career fields.

"Each rotation will gradually see more civilians deploying and the number of enlisted historians reducing because of the transition from active duty to civilian historians," said Mr. Frank. He added that questions of entitlements, passport requirements, medical treatment, etc. are being worked out for future civilian historians who will be deploying when called upon.

Deployed historians collect, organize, safeguard and preserve historically significant data pertaining to the mission of their respective organization. The focus is on collecting mission reports, situation reports, briefings and lessons learned. They also conduct interviews with key personnel to capture their personal perspective.

Mr. Frank produces a monthly chronology of events and appendices answering the who, what, where, when and why of various operations. The information is funneled back to the major commands and then to the repository for all Air Force history at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala. That way the information may be analyzed by other historians and Air Force senior leaders so it can be applied to future operations.

"Books will also be written on Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom based on the information historians in the deployed locations have provided in their monthly reports," said Mr. Frank.

Mr. Frank was an enlisted historian for 18 of his 20 year career after retraining from munitions supply in February 1987. This is his fifth deployment to the Middle East since Desert Storm, but first as a civilian.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. FRANCESCA POPP

Autumn celebration

Heather Rosas, wife of Staff Sgt. Daniel Rosas, 3rd Medical Operations Squadron, arranges a floral decoration during the Military Spouses Autumn Celebration Oct. 27 at the Lee Reserve Center on Ft. Richardson. The Armed Services YMCA, Army Community Center and Air Force Family Support Center sponsored the four-hour event. More than 500 participants were treated to free massages, food and were given the opportunity to win one of 126 door prizes. More than 25 vendors displayed their goods and talked about the services they offer.



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. FRANCESCA POPP

Deployment fair

Left: Staff Sgt. Rich Lewis, 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron crew chief, watches his daughter, Kalia, son, Ashton, and Alia Alvarez play while his wife attends the squadron deployment fair Oct. 19 at the Family Support Center. Sergeant Lewis returned from a deployment to Southwest Asia Oct. 5. Alai's father is Staff Sgt. Martin Alvarez.

Above: Mirta Adams, TriWest beneficiary education representative, briefs 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron spouses about health related information and items required before, during and after an active-duty member's deployment. This was the first 703rd AMXS deployment fair that invited spouses to attend.

Elmendorf members help enhance savings program

In one month, servicemembers at a deployed location in Southwest Asia have deposited a record \$559,650 in the Savings Deposit Program.

“Just for the month of October, members have put in several times the rest of the (area of responsibility) combined,” said Tech. Sgt. Scott Armstrong, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing Finance Office, deployed from Elmendorf.

A major awareness and education initiative by the finance office and a change in eligibility policy are credited for the high amount, he said. Part of this initiative included an interest-calculating tool developed by the base comptroller that has since become an AOR standard as an educational aid for the program.

“I kept seeing people dismiss the program as not being worth participating in,” said Lt. Col. John Galloway, also deployed from Elmendorf. “so I created this spreadsheet to show people, based on how they pay into the program, exactly how much they could make with the SDP over their regular savings account.”

Seeing concrete numbers for the potential interest they could make helped many members make the decision to participate, he said.

This tool was received so well at Central Air Force finance, they forwarded it for use as an educational aid at all Air Force bases in the region.

A change in policy also raised monthly contributions.

“We were turning people away in September saying they had to wait 30 days before they could participate,” he said. “At the time, if (their) orders said Operation Enduring Freedom, (they) had to wait 30 days to start paying in. If they said Operation Iraqi Freedom, (they) could pay in from day one. So we called CENTAF and said, ‘We’re supporting both here, shouldn’t our people be able to

start immediately?’”

CENTAF agreed and allowed September arrivals to make a one-time double payment in October, allowing members to make up the missed payment for September and pushing October’s deposit numbers even higher.

But finance believes educating the base populace was the key to such a record amount.

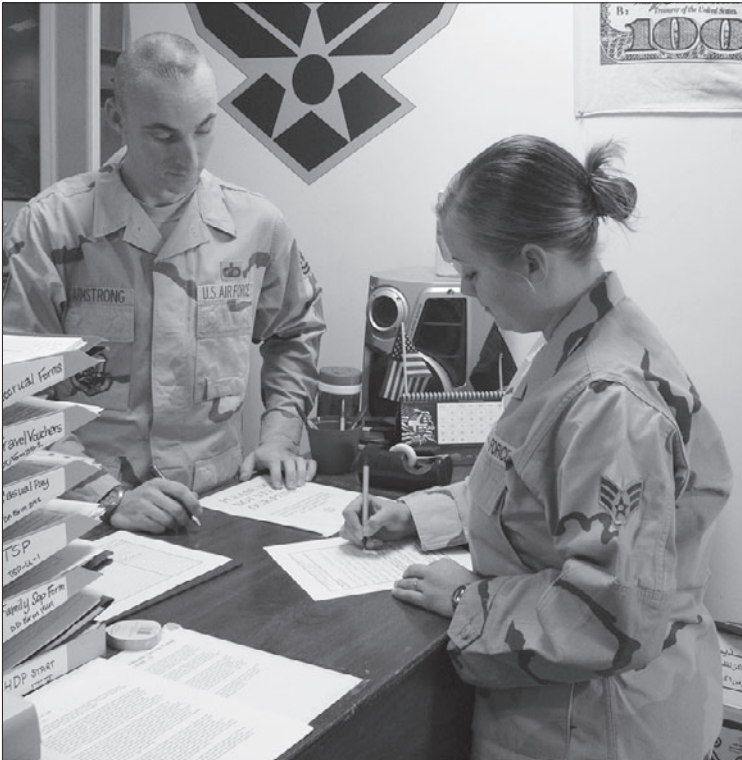
“SDP is only available while deployed, so at home station, I could have told you what the program is, but I couldn’t have really explained just how it would benefit you,” said Sergeant Armstrong.

“Here, we spent two weeks really learning the details of the program and getting the word out. At one point, we processed over \$170,000 in payments in four days.”

Younger, more junior members are also taking advantage of the program, he said.

“These kids are thinking ahead. When we started, [the program was used by] almost exclusively colonels and chiefs. Now, we have one- and two-strippers participating. It’s really good to see that, younger people preparing for the future,” he said.

Formerly known as the Uniformed Service Deposit Program, this program is offered only to deployed members and pays a 10 percent annual percentage rate, which is three to four times the average interest rate of personal bank savings accounts.



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Tech. Sgt. Scott Armstrong, 386th Air Expeditionary Wing finance office, deployed from Elmendorf, helps a customer sign up for the Savings Deposit Program. Members contributed a total of \$559,650 for the month of October.

However, the capital a member may invest is limited to \$10,000, and there are other restrictions.

“You can only pay in while you’re in the region,” he said, “and you’ll have to withdraw your funds no later than 90 days after you leave the AOR but you’ll continue to accrue interest for those 90 days,” said Senior Airman Ray Bertram, a finance representative, also deployed from Elmendorf.

(Courtesy of Air Force Print News)

Native Americans: Integral part of the U.S. military

By Capt. Demetria Johnson
3rd Wing Military Equal Opportunity

November is designated as Native American/American Indian Observance Month.

The United States is indebted to Native Americans who have made significant and unique contributions to the development of the Nation.

This month is also a time to honor the Native American men and women who have served in our Armed Forces. Throughout America’s proud military history, Native Americans have answered the call to duty, defending freedom and serving with distinction. According to the Department of Defense, there are nearly 190,000 Native American military veterans, and we pay tribute to their courage and patriotism this month.

Approximately 12,000 Native Americans served in the U.S. military during World War I. More than 44,000 (of a population of less than 350,000 Native Americans) served in the European and Pacific theaters between 1941 and 1945. Indians again joined to fight communist aggression during the Korean conflict. An immense coalition of about 42,000 American Indians, 90 percent of them volunteers, served in Vietnam.

Native Americans continued joining the military in the 1980s and 1990s and participated in military operations in Grenada, Panama, Somalia, and the Persian Gulf. Today, Native Americans continue to serve in defense of our nation as they have so proudly and gallantly done in the past. In March of 2003, the world learned

about the heroism of Pfc. Lori Piestewa, the first Native American woman killed in combat when the convoy she was part of was ambushed near Nasiriyah, Iraq.

Although Native Americans were not entitled to United States citizenship until 1924 by the Snyder Act, their proud warrior tradition and loyalty to America has driven Native Americans to serve their homeland time and time again.

One out of every four Indian males is a military veteran and 45 to 47 percent of tribal leaders today are military veterans.

This month’s celebration is an ideal occasion to honor all Native Americans and American Indians for their contributions to this country. I encourage you to acknowledge the achievements of Native Americans, military and civilians, as an integral part of the Air Force team by contacting Tech Sgt. Angela Howell at 552-4803 or Senior Airman Sasha Lewis at 552-3009 and finding out where to participate in special observance events held throughout the month, including local and community programs.

In addition, every Wednesday at 10 a.m. throughout the month of November, the Native American/American Indian Observance planning committee will meet in the 3rd Services Squadron readiness conference room, 3rd floor, base library building to plan events.

All are welcome.

Editor’s Note: Information was compiled using www.pentagon.gov/specials/nativeam02/powwow.html and www.defenselink.mil/specials/nativeamerican01/warrior.html www.narf.org.

November is National Military Family Appreciation Month

By Ms. Jena Biena
Family Support Center

The annual observance of National Military Family Appreciation Month is upon us. This time of year provides an opportunity to pay tribute to our military families.

We depend upon the strength of the family in supporting our Airmen in maintaining focus on the mission.

Our family members face many difficulties such as long deployments, family separation and numerous relocations.

These sacrifices are not without setbacks and frustrations. Their courage and resilience in dealing with the ongoing challenges of running a family serves as an example of dedication and attention to detail.

This is exemplified by the way in which so many of our families make the best of a truly difficult situation.

There is no doubt our families are busier than ever and our time together should be well-spent. A simple “thank you” or kind words go a long way in honoring your very own family members.

To celebrate this occasion, watch for family-related events and activity announcements from the Family Support Center, Armed Services YMCA, as well as other agencies within our military community. We encourage families to take advantages of the opportunities made available.



Briefs



CCAF graduation

The Community College of the Air Force graduation ceremony is today at 2 p.m. at the Susitna Club. For details, e-mail Joseph O’Neil at joseph.oneil@elmendorf.af.mil.

Grand reopening

The Hillberg Lodge grand reopening is Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Door prizes, free hot dogs, and more will be given away to visitors. A tuning and waxing clinic begins at 3 p.m. For details, call 552-4838 or 552-3472 or visit www.elmendorf-services.com/Pages/Hillberg/hillberg.htm.

Bluff Road Gate

The Bluff Road Gate opens Monday. It will be open 6 a.m.-6:30 p.m. daily. The Government Hill Gate will close Monday and is expected to be closed until July.

Home buying seminar

The Elmendorf Housing Office offers a home purchasing seminar Monday at 1 p.m. at 6346 Arctic Warrior Drive. The class lasts two to three hours. Seating is limited. For details or to make a reservation, call 552-4439 or 552-4328.

Free concert

A free Veteran’s Day concert takes place Thursday at 7 p.m. at the Atwood Concert Hall at 621 West 6th Ave. in Anchorage. The Air Force Band of the Pacific will

perform inspirational music.

Install block heater

The Auto Hobby Shop met its Municipality of Anchorage assigned quota for block heaters and timers. However, Agen’s Automotive, 737 East International Airport Rd., is also participating in this program. To schedule an appointment, call 563-2436. They are open Mondays-Saturdays 8 a.m.-5:30 p.m. For \$25, Agen’s Automotive will provide a block heater, installation and a timer, except for vehicles requiring specialized equipment. The program, which began Tuesday, is funded through grants provided by federal, state and local governments.

Holiday mail deadlines

Deadlines for Arctic Warriors to send mail to overseas military locations are: Parcel Post to all APO/FPO AA, AE and AP ZIPs is Nov. 12. Priority mail and first-class mail letters and cards to APO/FPO AE ZIPs 090-092 and 094-098, and APO/FPO AA zips 340 and AP ZIPs 962-966 is Dec. 10. For APO/FPO AE ZIP 093, the deadline is Dec. 5. The mailing deadlines for deployed servicemembers to get packages sent to home bases in the United States, Europe and elsewhere are:

Items being sent parcel post must be sent by Nov. 12. Items being sent express mail must be sent by Dec. 19. For first-class and priority mail, all packages should be sent by Dec. 10, except for military mail addresses that have a ZIP code between 09300 and 09399. Parcels to those addresses need to be sent by Dec. 5, officials said. Anything sent space-available mail must be mailed by Nov. 26 except for ZIP codes between 09300 and 09399. The space-available deadlines for those addresses are Nov. 12. For details on mailing restrictions, package sizes and rates, visit www.usps.com or the Elmendorf Post Office at 10437 Kuter Ave.

Free mailing kit

To address current demand, the Postal Service created a special, free “kit” containing the mailing materials based on the most popular items ordered to send care packages to the troops. This kit may be ordered by calling (800) 610-8734 and requesting CAREKIT04. It contains 10 Priority Mail boxes, five “Mili-Pacs,” one roll of Priority Mail tape, and 10 customs forms with envelopes. Mili-Pacs, developed with the Military Postal Service Agency, are Tyvek envelopes with Old Glory on one side and feature detailed addressing information. It is encouraged that this process be followed for all mail destined for

military units overseas. The address block on the Mili-Pac accommodates service member’s full name, rank or rating, military organization or unit, APO/FPO with 9-digit ZIP Code.

All packages and mail must be addressed to individual service members, in accordance with U.S. Department of Defense regulations.

Holiday lights

Exterior and interior holiday window lighting is now authorized on base homes. Energy-efficient lights may be turned on 6 a.m. to dawn and dusk to 11 p.m. Christmas tree lighting should be limited to the holiday season only. People will be required to extinguish holiday lighting when the last Iditarod dogsled musher crosses the finish line in Nome, Alaska, in March.

Family Bible study

A family Bible study group meets Wednesdays at 6:30 a.m. in the Chapel 1 annex. For details, call 552-4422.

Spouse Connection Coffee Break

Parents can participate in adult conversation while their children play. This event takes place Tuesdays 9:30-11:30 a.m. at the Arctic Oasis Little Tikes area. For details, call the Family Support Center at 552-9290.

Air Force needs feedback

People still have time to take the 2005 Air Force Climate Survey, but the Nov. 23 deadline is rapidly approaching.

As of Oct. 27, 29 percent of the Air Force had taken the survey.

The survey, which began Oct. 1, gives Air Force people an opportunity to provide honest and productive feedback to Air Force leaders.

Research indicates that feedback from all ranks and pay grades is needed to effectively create positive change, said survey officials.

As in previous years, this year’s survey contains several layers of safeguards to ensure complete confidentiality. The software employs advanced identity-masking features and strict reporting criteria that protects all respondents.

The survey is available 24 hours a day and can be accessed from either a government or personal computer at <https://afclimatesurvey.af.mil>. People can also check out their command’s daily participation rates and see the top 25 wings and centers.

NSPS final regulations

The final implementing regulations for the National Security Personnel System were published Tuesday.

These regulations define the rules for the new Department of Defense

civilian human resources system.

The regulations also cover pay and classification, performance management, hiring, workforce shaping, disciplinary matters, appeal procedures and labor-management relations.

The NSPS Labor Relations System is expected to be implemented 30 days from the date the regulations were published. The NSPS Human Resources System and appeals process will be implemented in a phased schedule over the next few years. Most Elmendorf civilian employees, currently covered by the General Schedule pay plan, are expected to convert to the new system at the beginning of Fiscal 2007. The remainder of the workforce, primarily those covered by Wage Grade pay plan, is expected to convert the following year.

DoD employees will receive information and training about NSPS throughout the coming year. Training is being planned for the labor and HR aspects of NSPS. For more information and training, an informal Web-based course, “Fundamentals of NSPS: An Overview of the Proposed Regulations” is available at www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps/new_archive.html.

The NSPS regulations are available at www.cpms.osd.mil/nsps.

Call Angie Horn at 552-7393 for details or questions.



Chapel Schedule

Catholic Parish

- **Monday through Wednesday and Friday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center
- **Thursday Mass:** 11:30 a.m. at the Hospital Chapel
- **Sunday Mass:** 10:30 a.m. at Chapel 1
- **Sunday Evening Mass:** 5 p.m. at Chapel 2
- **Confession:** 6 p.m. Sundays at Chapel 2

Protestant Sunday

- **Liturgical Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 2
- **Celebration Service:** 9 a.m. at Chapel 1
- **Gospel Service:** noon at Chapel 1
- **Fellowship Praise:** 6 p.m. at Chapel 1

Religious Education

- **Catholic Religious Education:** Sunday at 9 a.m. at the Chapel Center.
- **Protestant Sunday School:** 10:30 a.m. at the Chapel Center.

For more details, call the Chapel at 552-4422.

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PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS GARRETT HOTHAN

Senior Airman Christopher Green

Organization and duty title: 703rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron assistant flying crew chief
Hometown: Kodiak, Alaska
Hobbies: Four-wheeling, snowboarding and playing the guitar
Mission contribution: I keep the planes flying with a lot of help from my peers.
Time at Elmendorf: 10 months
Time in the Air Force: Four years, six months
Best part about being in Alaska: Great opportunity to return to my home state and enjoy the many opportunities it offers.
Supervisor’s comments: “Senior Airman Green is one of our most respected flying crew chiefs. His leadership and system knowledge are leap years ahead of his peers.” Staff Sgt. Ashley Pomeroy



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. ALAIN DELOS REYES

Airman 1st Class Neal Kellogg

Deployed Unit: 386th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron
Duty title: Mobile distribution operator
Elmendorf Unit: 3rd Logistics Readiness Squadron Fuels Managemant Flight
Comment about deployment: I volunteered for this deployment, because I thought it would be a good experience. The weather here is unlike Alaska. It’s hot during the day and chilly at night. Besides the weather, I like the hours I work. I think that without the long hours, I would find myself bored.

Nonjudicial punishment

Article 15s:

An airman 1st class with the 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Squadron failed to obey a lawful order by driving a vehicle while under base driving suspension.

His punishment was a reduction to airman, restriction to Elmendorf for 20 days, 20 days extra duty and a reprimand.

A staff sergeant with the 381st Intelligence Squadron was late to work twice.

His punishment was a suspended reduction to senior airman, forfeiture of \$300.00 pay for two months and 30 days extra duty.

An airman 1st class with the 3rd AMXS failed to promptly report back to duty after an illness.

He was demoted to airman, with a suspended reduction to airman basic, restricted to Elmendorf for 45 days, 45 days extra duty and reprimanded.

Discharges:

An airman from the 3rd Security Forces Squadron was administratively discharged for minor disciplinary infractions.

His misconduct included one Article 15 for failure to go, one letter of reprimand and two letters of counseling for failure to go. The member's misconduct resulted in his general discharge.

An airman from the 3rd AMXS was administratively discharged for a pattern of misconduct.

His misconduct included an Article 15 for consuming alcohol underage and a vacation action on the suspended punishment for underage drinking. The member's misconduct resulted in his general discharge.

Another airman from the 3rd AMXS was administratively discharged for a pattern of misconduct. His misconduct included an Article 15 for underage drinking and a vacation of his suspended punishment for underage drinking. The member was also convicted in a summary court martial for underage drinking and failure to obey a lawful order.

The member was sentenced to a reduction to airman basic, forfeiture of two-thirds pay and 21 days in jail. The member's misconduct resulted in his general discharge.

An airman from the 732nd Air Mobility Squadron was administratively discharged for multiple minor disciplinary infractions.

His misconduct included two Article 15s for underage drinking, a vacation of suspended punishment for failure to go and one letter of counseling for speeding. The member's misconduct resulted in his general discharge.

(Courtesy of the 3rd Wing Legal Office)



PHOTO BY CHRIS GARNER

Gotcha!

Daryl Magnuson (center), 3rd Civil Engineer Squadron chief conservation agent and Alaska Department of Fish and Game Biologist Sean Farley discuss details of bear measurements after the Military Conservation Agents trapped the bear on Elmendorf Oct. 25. The bear, an average sized male, had avoided capture for most of the summer, but was finally caught north of Six mile munitions. The agents continued taking measurements before putting a tracking collar on the bear and sending him on his way. The bear made a full recovery after a little more than four hours and returned to the woods.

Elmendorf flight crews air drop aid into Pakistan

By Army Sgt. Douglas DeMaio
20th Public Affairs Detachment

Two C-130 Hercules flight crews left from Bagram Airfield, Afghanistan Saturday and air dropped an estimated 50,000 pounds of humanitarian supplies to victims of the Oct. 8 earthquake in Pakistan.

Fourteen container delivery system bundles filled with food, water, shelter and supplies descended on people below in need of those items.

“As far as the C-130 goes, you not only have a wartime mission, you have a peacetime mission, and that is what we did today,” said Staff Sgt. Mario Mendizabal, a loadmaster with the 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron, deployed from Elmendorf.

The Airmen flew into Afghanistan, loaded the aircraft and set out on their mission to deliver relief aid. They credit their mission success to the preparation, planning and coordination of many other individuals.

“We definitely couldn’t have done it without all the support,” said Capt. Nate Dillon, a pilot for 774th EAS, deployed from Elmendorf. “It all worked out with efficient planning.”

From planning the route to reviewing training manuals, the crew worked hard to make sure the relief

aid would reach its intended target.

“The only thing that was going through my mind was sticking with the checklist because it covers everything; and that’s what I did; it covered it step by step,” Sergeant Mendizabal said.

Sergeant Mendizabal and fellow loadmaster, Staff Sgt. Ryan Atkinson, from Elmendorf, said the training the two received was a point of reference they had to build upon to perform the mission.

“We’ve both done CDS bundles for training at home with one or two but never 14 all at once,” Sergeant Mendizabal said. “It’s kind of something new for us.”

Most of the aircrew had never taken part in a humanitarian relief mission so the experience for them meant something special, they said.

“It’s a very rewarding experience,” Captain Dillon, who flew the aircraft for the mission, said. “I think I can speak for all of us by saying that.”

The experience was good for the crew. “It’s something different and breaks up the monotony of what you’re used to doing,” he said.

However, the change of mission did present its challenges, Captain Dillon said.

Releasing the cargo on an unfamiliar drop zone is a difficult thing



PHOTO BY ARMY SGT. DOUGLAS DEMAIO

Staff Sgts. Mario Mendizabal (left) and Ryan Atkinson, 774th Expeditionary Airlift Squadron deployed from Elmendorf, observe the canopies of 14 pallets of humanitarian relief supplies open after being released from a C-130 Hercules over Pakistan Saturday. Two U.S. military aircraft delivered an estimated 50,000 pounds of aid, which included water, food and tents for shelter.

to accomplish, he said, but their training for their deployment to Operation Enduring Freedom proved to be a success for the Airmen.

“We train for this at home in Alaska, and you see the same drop zone,” Captain Dillon said. “When you go into an unfamiliar route, the terrain is a lot more significant; you have to time everything just right.”

The front crew was cool, calm and collected for doing an airdrop

on a drop zone they never saw and probably never will see again, Sergeant Mendizabal said.

He said the confidence they gain from the success of their mission will help them face future missions and that this was just part of their job.

“If it’s hurricane relief, earthquake relief or tsunami relief, whatever you got for us, we can handle it,” he said.

Native American History Month

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ACROSS

- 1. Wear out
- 5. Stork like wading birds
- 9. Clock in at work
- 11. Soul
- 13. Unblemished meal
- 14. So soon
- 16. Iron or Industrial
- 17. Endeavored
- 19. War from 1914-1918, in short
- 20. Horse doc
- 21. Native American people formerly inhabiting U.S. Southwest
- 22. Quick rest
- 23. Messy one
- 25. Native American people formerly inhabiting U.S. Southeast
- 28. MDs workplaces
- 29. Native American people inhabiting U.S. Southwest and Mexico
- 31. Attacked
- 33. USAF intel org.
- 34. Hockey great Bobby

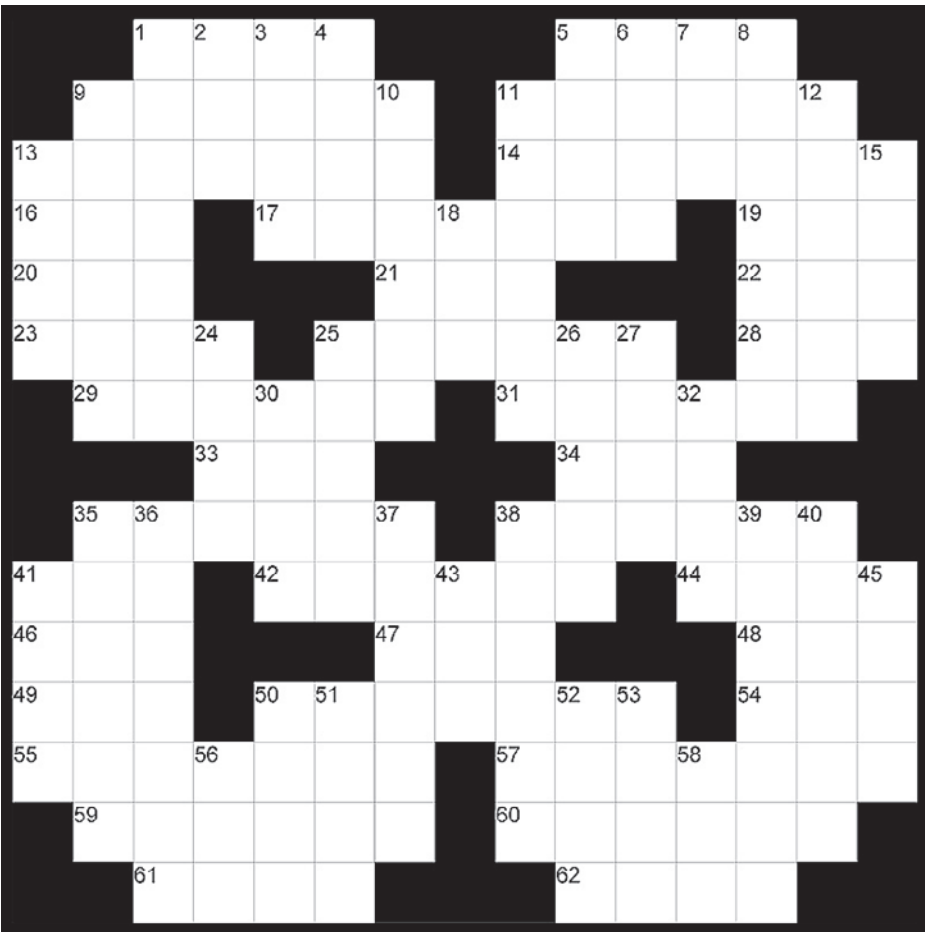


Last week's solution

- 35. Custard filled pastry
- 38. Perspires
- 41. Burn residue
- 42. _____ time; single file
- 44. Cuts grass
- 46. Slalom
- 47. Scout's org.
- 48. Chop
- 49. Relative
- 50. Follower
- 54. Also
- 55. Suffocate
- 57. Sincere
- 59. Breccia
- 60. Shrubs or small trees of the genus Rhus; "poison" plant
- 61. Actress Hudson
- 62. Dollops

DOWN

- 1. Uppermost part of an elm
- 2. Ret. fund
- 3. ____ of passage
- 4. Days before
- 5. Atoll
- 6. American naval officer and explorer Richard
- 7. Frozen water
- 8. Native American people formerly inhabiting parts of Ohio Valley
- 9. "Murder She Wrote's" Landsbury
- 10. Guarantee
- 11. To whom monies are paid; employees
- 12. Pirate Teach; "Blackbeard"
- 13. RQ-4 Global Hawk and RQ-1 Predator
- 15. High-pitched barks
- 18. Dined
- 24. Ancient Semitic fertility, nature



- gods; Biblical false gods
- 25. Towing need
- 26. Native American people formerly inhabiting Great Plains
- 27. USAF aircrew training requirement
- 30. Goodbye, in a fashion
- 32. Measurement weight
- 35. Native peoples inhabiting North American Arctic coastal regions
- 36. Native American people formerly inhabiting U.S. Pacific Northwest
- 37. Drill again
- 38. Asserts

- 39. Native people once inhabiting central, southern Mexico
- 40. Nike symbol; make a rushing sound
- 41. Queries
- 43. Donkey
- 45. Observe
- 50. A single, double, or triple in baseball (two words)
- 51. Tennis great Sampras
- 52. Celebrate
- 53. Writer Bombeck
- 56. Mil. pay during PCS
- 58. Capture a crook



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Bullseye

Above: Justin Elam, 90th Aircraft Maintenance Unit, lines up his shot before firing in the Black Sheep Archery Club's Face to Face Tournament Sunday at the indoor range on base. The competition was the first of its kind on Elmendorf. According to Capt. Wayne Stiles, 3rd Services Squadron, 14 of the top local archers competed in the single-elimination event. Dave Perry of Wasilla was the overall winner.

Right: Elam counts his score after his three shots at the target. He fired 15 arrows winning the first round, but was eliminated in the second round.



Arctic Life

Great living in the great land

Fall Fest Fun



PHOTOS BY STAFF SGT. ALAN PORT

Left: Emily Boyd, daughter of Chaplain (Capt.) Mathew Boyd, paints her pumpkin at the pumpkin patch booth during the Fall Fest Saturday. The three-day annual event features a variety of activities for base and community members.

Above: A Fall Fest ghoul played an evil tune as guests left the haunted house Oct. 28. The haunted house was one of the featured Fall Fest events.

Below: The Palmer High School Cheer Squad performs during the Fall Fest Saturday.



Just say no to drugs



Top left: Tech. Sgt. Scott Weller, U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific's band Top Cover, performs with other members of the band, as they entertain children at Orion and Aurora Elementary schools during Red Ribbon Week. Top Cover, along with the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific's Alaska Brass and the Greatlanders, performed at various events on and off-base in recognition of Red Ribbon Week.

Top center: Tech. Sgt. Eric Corriveau and Staff Sgt. Christopher Gunderman and Military Working Dog Arko, 3rd Security Forces Squadron, teach children about how law enforcement handles drug use. The assemblies featured 3rd SFS MWD, a guest speaker from the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment. Students from the First Term Airman's Center handed out pamphlets and talked to students about the danger of drug abuse.

Top right: Master Sgt. Judi Westfall, U. S. Air Force Band of the Pacific, asks school children what they want to be when they grow up, and how a drug free life can make it possible.

Right: A kindergartner from Orion Elementary listens to the events during Red Ribbon Week assembly. Red Ribbon Week is a national program designed to teach children how to lead a drug and alcohol free life.

Above: Kindergartners Ashlyn Day, Matea Perez and Jordana Frasier, from Aurora Elementary, have a front-row seat to an assembly rock concert by the U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific's band Top Cover. Red Ribbon Week began Oct. 23 and ended Monday.

Cover: Jordana Frasier, from Aurora Elementary, claps as U.S. Air Force Band of the Pacific band Topcover finishes a song.

SPORTS PAGE



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Military recognition

Clockwise from above: Alaska Aces defenseman Peter Metcalf battles Bakersfield Condors forward Sean Venedam for the puck during the game Saturday. The Condors skated past the Aces winning 2-1 in overtime.

Lt. Gen. Douglas Fraser, Alaskan Command commander, drops the honorary first puck before the East Coast Hockey League game Saturday. The Aces honored military fans during the game for their annual Military Appreciation Night. Members of a joint honor guard present the colors before the start of Saturday's game.

Army Spc. Billie Mills, Fort Richardson military police, and her working dog, Axel, prepare for a demonstration during Military Appreciation Night Saturday at the Sullivan Arena.



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Youth baller

Jaguars team member Brooklyn Coston, daughter of Tech. Sgt. Derrick Coston, 176th Air Control Squadron, waits for referee Kelvin Lee to blow the whistle before passing the ball in to her teammates after an out-of-bounds call. The Youth Basketball League game took place Oct. 27 at the Youth Activity Center. This league gives military youth an opportunity to participate in sports and build teamwork skills. Youth Programs sponsors 15 basketball teams and 4 cheerleading squads for a total of 198 participants ranging in age from 5-14. The teams play against teams from Elmendorf as well as Ft. Richardson. For information or to volunteer to coach, call Youth Programs at 552-2266.

Sport Shorts

Fitness center lockers

The fitness center must move 20 sets of lockers out of the men's locker room Nov. 20 to be placed in the temporary fitness center.

Men, who are locker holders, must empty their lockers by Nov. 20. Women, who are locker holders, must clean out theirs by Dec. 15.

The fitness center staff will make all lockers available for daily use until Jan. 2.

For details, call 552-5353.

Aerobic schedule

The aerobic schedule for Monday-Nov. 11 is:

Monday: 6 a.m. Spin; 9:30 a.m. Muscle Conditioning; noon Step; 5:30 p.m. Yoga; 5:30 p.m. Kickbox; and 6 p.m. Aqua

Tuesday: 11:30 a.m. Pilates; 3 p.m. Circuit; 5:30 p.m. Spin; 5:30 p.m. Step; and 6:30 p.m. Bootcamp

Wednesday: 6 a.m. Spin; 9:30 a.m. Muscle Conditioning; noon Yoga; 5:30 p.m. Yoga; 5:30 p.m. Step; and 6 p.m. Aqua

Thursday: 11:30 a.m. Pilates; 5:30 p.m. Spin; 5:30 p.m. Step; and 6:30 p.m. Bootcamp

Nov. 11: 10:30 a.m. Spin; 11:30 a.m. Fitball; noon Step; 4:30 p.m. Kickbox; and 4:30 p.m. Yoga